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CLEVE GRANT TO RETURN

Cleveland P. Grant is coming back! That's welcome news to the St. Louis Bird Club. Those who heard last January's lecture know what's in store; those who didn't now have opportunity to see and hear a lecture that's about the finest in the country. Back with a brand-new, all-color, motion picture lecture, Cleve Grant brings "Wings of the Western Wastelands", "chock-full" of amazing flight, nesting, and courting shots of Redheads, Shovelers, Blue-winged Teal, and other ducks; a gorgeous Willet exhibition; Grouse and Prairie Chicken sequences, to mention only a few of the birds; coupled with a rich supplement called "Alberta Adventure", featuring magnificent shots of mountain moose. It's going to be "double-feature night" Jan. 7th at the Adult Study Center. The only difference between this and the cinema is that you get two four-bell pictures for the price of one. And speaking of the price . . . well, there's no price to speak of. Attendance is your only price of admission. The auditorium has been repaired and there is plenty of room for your friends. Won't you use the enclosed card to invite them?

Part of the February 10th meeting will be devoted to a discussion of the state of the Club and to election of officers.

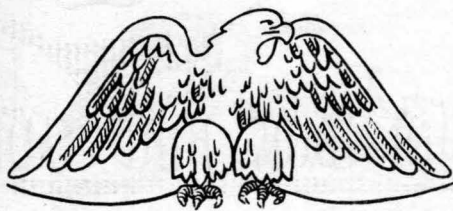
STORER PICTURES MEMORABLE

Some of the most amazing shots in the field of nature photography added to the galaxy of brilliant pictures it has been the privilege of Bird Club members to view when John Storer appeared before a crowd of 600 on the night of November 24th at the Adult Study Center. With the subject of his illustrated lecture "Wings, Fins, and Antlers", Mr. Storer ranged from the North to the warm waters of the gulf in his picture story which was endowed with vitality, color and charm. More laurels for the St. Louis Bird Club!



MISS ERNST TO TALK

Members of the St. Louis Bird Club will gather at Jefferson Memorial on Tuesday, February 10th, at 8 P.M. to hear Miss L. R. Ernst talk on "Birding Through the Years." In contrast to the Club meetings which are usually open to the public, this is an evening for members only. It is an opportunity to share in the rich experiences of one who has, through her devotion and concern for the study of bird life in the St. Louis area, been responsible for much of the developing public interest. In an informal discussion, Miss Ernst will tell stories of some of her birding experiences in the region around our city. Members are urged to stay at the end of the meeting to get acquainted.



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Sustain the Birds!

Don't neglect your winter feeding during those tough months—January and February. And do it regularly. The day you miss may be the day some Chickadee needs you most.

WE TAKE A BOW!

Our new bulletin has brought cross-country comment. Here is just a sample:

Frederick C. Lincoln—"It seems to me that this is getting off to a good start and it is gotten up in a most attractive style. I note in it several items that I will have copied out for our files on geographic distribution."

T. Gilbert Pearson—"To the healthy, growing interest in bird-life surging throughout Missouri and elsewhere, I am sure this publication will be received with a great deal of satisfaction. I commend you; I congratulate you; I send you a wave of the hand over the hills!"

Frank M. Chapman—"Your bulletin, I think, presents a very attractive appearance. Your list of coming events is quite impressive."

John H. Baker, Executive Director, National Audubon Society—"I think it is a fine start. Congratulations!"

Carl W. Bucheister, Asst. Director, National Audubon Society—"Congratulations on the St. Louis Bird Club Bulletin. The most impressive characteristic that struck me immediately was its vitality—it's alive—and that means your club is alive."

Dr. Rudolf Bennitt, University of Mo.—"I have enjoyed reading the bulletin. The format, arrangement, and contents are good."

And here is just one of the many comments from our own members:

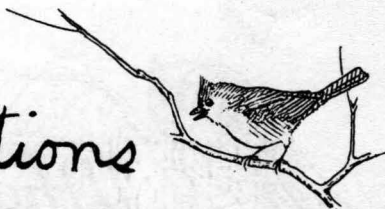
Warren E. Fisher—"Bravo! It's neat, newsy, and carries all necessary information for those of us who are unfortunate enough to be so situated that we cannot attend all the functions of our beloved club. You can't imagine how tickled I am with the bulletin."

Opportunity Knocks Again!

We're happy to announce that the Popular Ornithology course at the Adult Study Center given by Wayne Short will continue through the second semester. The course is so arranged that students may join in the middle of the year even though they are beginners. The class features field trips on week-ends, excellent bird slides or motion pictures, many in color, at every class session, study of mounted specimens each week, and lectures on a variety of related subjects. The first class will meet on Monday, January 26th and continue for 14 Mondays thereafter. The enrollment fee is \$12.50. You may obtain further information by calling the Adult Study Center, ROsedale 3700.



Observations



THE CHRISTMAS CENSUS

The Club's annual Christmas Census netted these species:

3 Double-crested Cormorants, 85 Canvasbacks, 16 Lesser Scaups, 2 Mallards, 1 American Merganser, 2 Coots, 2 Red-tailed Hawks, 3 Marsh Hawks, 7 Sparrow Hawks, 3 Herring Gulls, 25 Mourning Doves, 2 N. Flickers, 1 Pileated Woodpecker, 4 Red-bellied Woodpeckers, 6 Red-headed Woodpeckers, 2 E. Hairy Woodpeckers, 6 N. Downy Woodpeckers, 7 Prairie Horned Larks, 3 Bluejays, 60 Crows, 6 Black-capped

Chicadees, 12 Tufted Titmice, 6 White-breasted Nuthatches, 6 Brown Creepers, 1 Carolina Wren, 1 Mockingbird, 3 Robins, 1 Bluebird, 105 Cedar Waxwings, 1 Migrant Shrike, 8 Starlings, 25 English Sparrows, 2 European Tree Sparrows, 8 E. Meadowlarks, 5 Cardinals, 4 Goldfinches, 14 Slate-colored Juncos, 5 Eastern Tree Sparrows, 1 Swamp Sparrow. Dec. 21, 8 A.M. to 2 P.M.; Alton Dam, Weber Lake, Mo.; partly cloudy, warm; 22 observers; 39 species; 454 individuals. A fairly good list.

THE BIRDS OF THE YEAR

For the last 3 or 4 years we've been compiling a list of the "birds of the year". We doubt that any two lists would agree but at least this has been a conscientious try at awarding every ribbon to the proper winner. Here then is our conception of the birds of the year!

1. Avocet: One at Lake Park, Ill.; Oct. 18; found by Wayne Short, Mrs. Joseph E. Vollmar, Marie Fischer, Mattie Parkins, Helen O'Moran of the Adult Study Center Class; seen later on Oct. 18 by Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Zempel, Mrs. H. R. Grummann; on Oct. 19 by other members of the Adult Study Center Class, James Earl, Harry, and J. F. Comfort, Iva Leonard, the Days, Albert Berkowitz.

2. Nelson's Sparrow: One at Lake Park, Ill.; Oct. 18; found by Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Zempel, Mrs. H. R. Grummann; seen on Oct. 19 by James Earl Comfort, Albert Berkowitz.

3. Ruddy Turnstone: One at Lake Park, Ill.; Oct. 7; found by Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Zempel; seen later that day by Wayne Short and Sydney Heckler; and on various dates later by L. R. Ernst, Richard Grossenheider, Mrs. H. R. Grummann, James Earl, Harry, and J. F. Comfort, Albert Berkowitz, Iva Leonard, the Days, the Adult Study Center Class, and others.

4. Western Willet: One at Creve Coeur Lake, Mo.; July 9; found by Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Zempel; seen later that day by James Earl and Mrs. Harry Comfort.

5. Snowy Egret: One at Pere Marquette State Park, Ill.; on several dates, including Sept. 21; Rev. George M. Link, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. K. Hutchinson, James Earl and Helen

Comfort, Bob Hill, Iva Leonard, the Days, and others.

6. Bohemian Waxwing: Several at Kirkwood, Mo.; April 6; Alice and Ruth Pickel.

7. Red-backed Sandpiper: Three at Lake Park, Ill.; Oct. 7; found by Wayne Short, Sydney Heckler, Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Zempel; seen on several other dates by many others; two seen in St. Louis County; Nov. 2; James Earl, J. F., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Comfort.

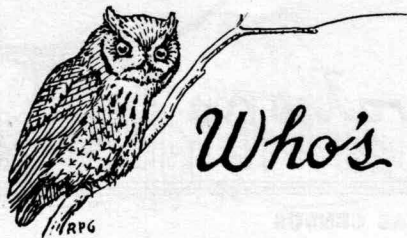
8. Sanderling: Two at Horseshoe Lake, Ill.; Oct. 9; L. R. Ernst, Mrs. H. R. Grummann.

9. Yellow-crowned Night Heron: Four or possibly more at Pere Marquette State Park, Ill.; on several dates including July 4 and 7; found by Rev. George M. Link; seen by Mr. and Mrs. O. C. K. Hutchinson; Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Zempel, James Earl Comfort, Mrs. H. R. Grummann, Richard Grossenheider, and many others.

10. Black-bellied Plover: One at Orchard Farm, St. Charles Co., Mo.; May 20; Wayne Short.

11. Harris's Sparrow: One at Glendale, Mo.; March 19; J. F. Comfort; two at Horseshoe Lake, Ill.; Dec. 6; Wm. Jenner, Wayne Short.

12. Bonaparte's Gull: Fifteen at Horseshoe Lake, Ill.; April 11; Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Zempel; 20 at Creve Coeur Lake, Mo.; Oct. 4; the Adult Study Center Class; one at Horseshoe Lake, Ill.; Oct. 5; James Earl, Helen, J. F., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Comfort, Bob Hill, Iva Leonard, the Days.



Who's Who?



"BIRDER OF THE YEAR"

Going to press a few days before the close of the year, we're unable to give you the "birder of the year" because the finish is not as easy to predict as the "birds of the year" list which is very unlikely to change. But our guess is that indefatigable James Earl Comfort will win again. At the moment he has a terrific advantage of 7 species, and it's going to be difficult for Mrs. Arnold Zempel to overcome it. Earl stands at 219, Mrs. Zempel, 212. Still in the competition is Dr. Zempel who is one behind the Mrs. The only others we know of in the elite 200's are Harry Comfort at 206 and a newcomer this year, Helen Comfort, at 201. If you're one of the "200". let us know immediately so you'll be in on the final reckoning.

ALL-WEATHER OBSERVERS

The Club's "all-weather observers" get results like these:

Dr. Arnold Zempel, James E. Comfort, Least Bittern, the Webster Groves Nature Society, 3 Buffleheads, all at Pere Marquette, Nov. 9; Adult Study Center Class, 200 Lapland Longspurs, Lake Park, Dec. 14, 5 Lincoln's Sparrows, Dec. 20, Lake Park, Short-eared Owl, Dec. 7, Alton Dam; William Jenner, 2 Harris's Sparrows, Dec. 6, Horseshoe.

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MISS HEISING'S BIRD WALKS

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